

**Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board**

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**TITLE 16. SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY BOARD**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. No public hearing has been scheduled on the proposed action. However, any interested person or such person's duly authorized representative may request, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period, a public hearing pursuant to Section 11346.8. Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the Board at its office not later than 5:00 p.m., Monday August 28, 2006. The Board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Authority and Reference: Pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 2531.95, 2532.6(a), and to implement, interpret or make specific 2532.6(b), 2532.6(g) of said Code, the Board is considering changes to Division 13.4 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

The Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology ("Board") is authorized by Business and Professions Code Section 2531.95 to adopt regulations necessary to implement the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensure Act.

Business and Professions Code Section 2532.6 authorizes the Board to adopt rules and regulations which prescribe the renewal requirements for licensure. Effective January 1, 1999, Sections 2532.6(b) through (g), mandated that all professionals licensed by the Board obtain a minimal number of continuing professional development hours established by the Board, within the proceeding two years of license renewal.

The proposed amendments to Sections 1399.160.2 through 1399.160.10 provide further clarity and specificity to the existing continuing professional development requirements. The proposed amendments delineate continuing professional development course content provisions and establishes appropriate limits on continuing professional development hours for self-study, courses pertaining to related areas, indirect client care issues, as well as places limits on the number of hours an audiologist can obtain from courses that focus on marketing a particular device or other equipment. In addition, the amendments will establish a process wherein licensees and/or continuing professional development providers may voluntarily petition the Board to review and approve a continuing professional development course. The proposal broadens the scope of acceptable continuing professional development course

content yet preserves a core number of hours that must be obtained through practice specific course offerings.

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Cost/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Section 17561 Requires Reimbursement: None

Business Impact: The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly effecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

AND

The following studies/relevant data were relied upon in making the above determination: None

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses: The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have a significant impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

Cost Impact on Private Persons or Entities: The Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Board has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not affect small businesses as it makes technical changes to the Board's licensure qualifications and clarifies professional advertising provisions.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing.

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION

The Board has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

TEXT OF THE PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board at 1422 Howe Avenue, Suite 3, Sacramento, CA 95825.

AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or by accessing the website listed below.

CONTACT PERSON

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Website Access: Materials regarding this proposal can be found at www.slpab.ca.gov.